Cleaning up Waukegan Harbor and improving flood protection along the Des Plaines River are high priorities in our district. Today the Appropriations Committee approved my requests for more than \$2.6 million to restore Waukegan Harbor and another \$5.2 million for Des Plaines River flood control projects. No single project is more important to Waukegan's economy than the environmental restoration of Waukegan Harbor. Along the Des Plaines, flood control projects are vital in protecting 7,000 homes and businesses from catastrophic flood damage. I am pleased Congress answered my request for these funds.